GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:57
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2001
SPECIAL CATEGORY STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given special category status to various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time since when these States were given special category status;

(d) the details of specific facilities provided to each of these States particularly Uttaranchal;

(e) the period for which the special status has been awarded to each of these States;

(f) whether the Government propose to award special category status to Chattisgarh and Jharkhand;

g) if not, the reasons therefor;

h) the details of per capita income and their contribution to National G.D.P. by eachspecial category State including Chattisgarh and Jharkhand; and

i) the special steps being taken/proposed to be taken for accelerated development of Chattisgarh and Jharkhand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (i): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in reply to part (a) to
(i) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 57dated 25-07-01 raised by Shri Trilochan Kanungo and Shri Sushil Kumar Shinderegarding Special Category States

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Special Category Status is given to the following States: ArunachalPradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttaranchal.

(c): All the States have been given the Special Category Status since their originexcept the States of Assam & Jammu & Kashmir. In case of J&K and Assam, SpecialCategory Status was initially restricted only to the Ladakh region of J&K and the Hill areasof Assam. However subsequently, the entire regions of these States were granted Special Category Status.

(d): All Special Category States including Uttaranchal are provided liberalizedCentral Assistance in the Grant − Loan ratio of 90:10. They are also allowed to divert 20% of Normal Central Assistance to finance their non-plan requirements.

(e): No such time frame has been fixed. However the decision in this regard has to be taken by NDC.

(f) & (g): The Special Category Status is given to those States which are predominantlyof hilly terrain with large tribal population, located on sensitive international border areas, with underdeveloped socio-economic infrastructure, low revenue base & non-viable nature of State`s finances and overall economic backwardness. Since the States of Jharkhand andChattisgarh do not fulfill these conditions, it may not be possible to include them under Special Category States.

(h): The Comparable estimates of Per Capita GSDP, GSDP and the contribution of Special Category States along with the States of Chattisgarh and Jharkhand to national GDP for the Year 1996-97 are shown in Annexure.

(i): The Special Area Programmes in the Annual Plans of States are aimed toaccelerate the development of specific Sectors/Areas of the States. These programmesinclude Pradhan Mantri`s Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY), Pradhan Mantri`s Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY), Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Hill Area Development Programme (HADP), Additional Central Assistance for Externally-AidedProjects, Roads & Bridges etc. These Programmes would facilitate the acceleratedevelopment of Chattisgarh and Jharkhand also.

Annexure

Annexure as referred to in reply to part (h) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 57dated 25-07-01 by Shri Trilochan Kanungo and Shri Sushil Kumar Shinde regardingSpecial Category States Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), Per Capita GSDP and State`s share in All-India Total - 1996-97

(At Current Prices)

State	GSDP (Rs. Lakhs)	Per Capita GSDP (Rs.)	Percent Share to All-India GSDP
1 Arunachal Pradesh	116,748	11,043	0.1%
2 Assam	2,093,933	8,385	1.7%
3 Chhattisgarh	2,257,214	11,368	1.9%
4 Himachal Pradesh	883,754	14,508	0.7%
5 J&K	1,004,289	11,087	0.8%
6 Jharkhand	2,309,851	9,691	1.9%
7 Manipur	225,187	10,062	0.2%
8 Meghalaya	223,159	10,318	0.2%
9 Mizoram	120,337	14,260	0.1%
10 Nagaland	208,609	14,018	0.2%
11 Sikkim	60,179	12,133	0.0%
12 Tripura	302,848	9,013	0.3%
13 Uttaranchal	1,209,867	15,232	1.0%
ALL-INDIA	120,791,018	12,805	

Source : Central Statistical Organisation.
NOTE : Figures are provisional.